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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice, to reduce the filing fees.

The specification has been amended to include a cross reference to the parent applications.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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